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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, WA, SA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: LETTER FROM AFRICAN GROUP TO SECURITY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1. CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP (CHALE - TANZANIA) CALLED
ON AMB LEONARD APRIL 14 IN THE LATTER'S CAPACITY AS
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. CHALE HANDED
LEONARD A LETTER FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP WHICH OUTLINED
THE REASONS FOR THE GROUP'S OPPOSITION TO A SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA AT THIS TIME. THE REASONS
GIVEN IN THE LETTER WERE:

- (1) THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA;

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- (2) THE FACT THAT RESPONSES TO THE WESTERN PRO-

- POSALS HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED; AND

- (3) THE "UNDERSTANDING" REACHED BETWEEN SWAPO AND

- THE WESTERN NATIONS THAT NO SECURITY

- COUNCIL SESSION WOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO THE

- SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA.

2. AMB LEONARD SAID THAT POINTS 1 AND 2 WERE FACTS BUT NOT POINT NO. 3. THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH "UNDERSTANDING". IF SWAPO HAD TOLD THE AFRICAN GROUP THAT THERE HAD BEEN SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING, THAT WAS INCORRECT. LEONARD SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK TO SWAPO REP GURIRAB TO CLEAR UP THIS APPARENT CONFUSION.

3. CHALE SEEMED TAKEN ABACK BY LEONARD'S COMMENTS REGARDING POINT NO. 3 OF THE AFRICAN GROUP LETTER AND ASKED IF HE COULD WITHDRAW THE LETTER PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THIS ISSUE. LEONARD AGREED AND LETTER WAS WITHDRAWN.

4. AS THIS CABLE BEING CLEARED, FRENCH MISSION RELAYED MESSAGE FROM INDIAN AMB JAIPAL THAT, AS RESULT OF JAIPAL'S INTERVENTIONS, AFRICAN GROUP HAS NOW AGREED TO HOLD SC SESSION ON NAMIBIA BEFORE SPECIAL SESSION -- PROVIDED WEST AGREES NOT REPEAT NOT TO PROPOSE ANY RESOLUTION. IN OTHER WORDS, SC WOULD MEET ONLY TO DISCUSS WESTERN PROPOSALS, NOT TO PASS A RESOLUTION. MISSION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRM ABOVE INFORMATION WITH AFRICAN GROUP. LEONARD

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